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Vienna, March 12. Great many hands are daily employed to repair our Fortifications, and particularly the Court and Lebel Bastions, and the Ravelin that lies between them, which were quite ruined during the Siege; and so great diligence is used, especially now that the Weather is a great deal milder than it was, that the Work advances apace. The Gallies which are to be employed on the *Danube* under the command of Count *Vecchi*, are fitting out, and the Governours of *Comorra*, *Raab*, *Gran*, and other places have orders to send hither the Turkish Slaves that are there, to Man them. All the Letters from *Hungary* give an account of the good Success of the Commission at *Presbourg*; They tell us that 12 Royal Towns besides the Towns of the Mines, 24 Counts, many Barons and 18 Provinces have accepted of the Emperor's Pardon, and have anew sworn Fidelity to his Imperial Majesty. And that those Towns, in which Count *Teckeley* has at present Garisons, have privately assured the Imperial Commissioners, That so soon as the Emperor's Troops shall be in the Field they will give his Imperial Majesty a proof of their Fidelity. Count *Caprara* is gone for *Hungary* to prepare things against the Campagne, which we are assured the Imperialists will begin very early.

Lintz, March 15. The 9th Instant arrived here an Express with Letters from the Duke of *Lorrain*, wherein as we are informed, his Highness give the Emperor an account of the good progress that hath been made in the Commission at *Presbourg*, and of a Memorial that had been presented to his Highness in the name of the States of *Hungary*, concerning the present state of that Kingdom, with a desire that he would lay it before his Imperial Majesty. The Marquis *de Cheverny*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Most Christian King, arrived here some days agone, he has not yet had his Audience of the Emperor, but has seen the chief Ministers of this Court. The Emperor continues his resolution of removing from hence with the whole Court to *Crembs*. Our Letters from *Hungary* inform us, That the Turks and Rebels having got together a Body of 8000 men, did on the 28th of the last Month attack the Castle of *Putnocke*, between *Fillecke* and *Zendre* in the *Upper Hungary*, but that they were so well received by the Sieur *Camboseh*, who commanded the Garison that was in the place, that the Turks were not only obliged to quit their Enterprize but to retire in great disorder, having lost many of their men, and those that were wounded filling 13 Wagons. Here has been a report these two or three days that *Abafti* Prince of *Transilvania* is dead: And that the Turks have at last put a great quantity of Provisions into *Newheusel*, but the one as well as the other needs a confirmation.

Francfort, March 23. The Commission at *Presbourg* is concluded, and the Duke of *Lorrain* is on his return to *Lintz*; At the same time the remaining Rebels make great devastations in *Upper Hungary*, and particularly about *Trenchin*, upon which the Duke of *Lorrain* has sent Orders to several Imperial Regiments to march thither. There are Letters by the way of *Buda* from *Belgrade* and *Adrianople*, which say, That the Grand Signior had caused all the considerable Relations and Creatures of the late Grand Visier to be strangled, and that their Estates are to be employed in the War. That a certain Prince of *Arabia* having got together a great number of men, had made great depredations upon the Turks, as far as to the Confines of *Aleppo*. That a Bassa on the side of *Persia* is revolted, and is gone over to the Persians with 15000 men, and has offered them his Service, if they will add a number of Troops to his, to Besiege *Babylon*. And that there have been great Tumults in *Grand Cairo*; but these Advices will need a confirmation. From *Hungary* they write that part of the Stone Wall of *Buda* towards the Water-side was fallen down, which the Turks look upon as a very ill Omen: And that there hath been a great Sickness in *Newheusel*, which hath very much weakned the Garison, and that two Bassa's were dead of it.

Bruffels, March 21. On Saturday last we had advice that a Body of French Troops were on their march with 15 Pieces of Cannon, and that they were laying Bridges over the Schelde at *Pont Canisse*, upon which an Express was dispatched to the Prince of *Orange*; Our *Maistre de Camp* General returned to *Gaunt*; and Don *Martin de los Rios* was sent in great hatte to his Regiment at *Audenarde*. The Marquis *de Grana* will part from hence to morrow for *Antwerp* to meet the Prince of *Orange* who is now in *Zealand*. We have an account that the Intendents of *Lille* and *Maubeuge* have sent out orders for 800 Wagons to be provided within the Chatellanie of *Audenard*, and a like number between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse*, which are to be brought to *Lille* and *Maubeuge* by the 25th of this Month. The French Troops descend from *Alsace* and *Lorrain* towards *Luxemburg*.

Bruffels, March 24. The Mare chal *d'Humieres* is come before *Audenarde* with a Body of 14 or 16000 men to attack the place with Bombs. Our *Maistre de* Camp General, who went from hence on Sunday last for *Gaunt*, upon his arrival there immediately caused six Companies of Foot of the Regiment of *Bejar* to march for *Audenard*, and they got into the place before the French came before it. Count *Egmonts* Regiment and the Dragoons of *Perez* are come hither from *Charleroy*, before which place Monsieur *de Montal* appeared yesterday morning with between 5 and 6000 Horse and Dragoons, and in the afternoon we heard Cannon play without intermission, which we afterwards understood was from the Towns; and were withal informed that the French having burnt *Fleurus*, *Gosselieres*, and several other Villages by Reprisal for some Houses burnt by the Garison of *Charleroy* near *Avesnes*, were again retired. On Wednesday last the Marquis *de Grana* parted from hence for *Antwerp* accompanied with all the Spanish and Dutch General Officers to meet the Prince of *Orange*, whom they expected there that night: but our Letters written at *Antwerp* yesterday at five a Clock in the afternoon, say his Highness would not come thither, having sent to the Marquis *de Grana* to desire his Excellency to meet him as this day at *Brascat*, two Leagues from *Antwerp* in the way to *Breda*. We are told from *Holland* that 12 Battalions and 20 Squadrons are on their march hither, which

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